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Historical Commission Minutes 10-20-2001

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday,
2 October 2001
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:30 PM

Call to Order: Robert Botterio presiding; with commissioners Jane Becker, JoAnn Robinson, Eric Stange, and Michael Ruderman attending. Also, Andrew McKee to discuss a project (see below).

Minutes of 4 September 2001: approved.

Communications from Mr. Botterio:

Determinations were made that the following projects would not constitute 25% of the public facade: stained glass windows at 71 Claremont Avenue, front porch replacement at 7-9 Acton Street, and new roof and wooden gutters at 418 Massachusetts Avenue.

Mr. Andrew McKee presented sketches and pictures of a proposed addition to his home at 30 Academy Street (f.k.a. 20 Pelham Terrace); we will schedule a formal hearing for the next meeting to consider the work.

Town Day sales of historical materials netted \$196, which Mr. Botterio proposes we donate to a relief fund for the victims of September 11; moved, and approved.

All commissioners, with the exception of Mr. Stange, need to contact the Town Manager, if they have not done so, to confirm their desire to continue serving on this commissioner, and to have their names submitted to the Selectmen for re-appointment.

Review of Projects

125 Brattle Lane/Farmer's Lane (Colonial Ridge LLC) 11/99: Robinson-still calling.
 1167 Mass. Ave. (Mirak) 9/00: Guthrie-uncertain.
 23 Maple Street (Town of Arlington) 11/00: Robinson, Guthrie-project appears suspended.
 45 Fairview Avenue (Trvalik) 12/00: Botterio-no activity.
 19 Winter Street (McGlashing) 2/01: Ruderman-unchanged from last time.
 9 Brantwood Road (Stainton) 5/01: Botterio-no activity.

Demolitions Pending

7 Brattle Court (Freedom Development): August 1, 2001
5 Brattle Court (Freedom Development): November 8, 2001
962 Massachusetts Avenue (Rita Yegian, owner): November 8, 2001

Reports

Whittemore-Robbins House (and outbuildings): Mr. Botterio will meet with the Capital Planning Committee on October 24 to discuss shoring up the Carriage House, their having already been \$25,000 approved for the purpose.
 Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson-specifics for the retaining wall discussed; "getting worse."
 Updates and Expansion to Inventory: Meister, Guthrie, Stange-no report.
 Inventory of public buildings: Stange and Robinson-no report.
 Education/Outreach: Stange, Botterio-no response from Mr. Alan McClennen on narrating the video.

New Business

Town Manager Philip J. Farrington has drafted a memo to the Capital Planning Committee (dated 21 November 2000) regarding repairs and renovations to the Jarvis House at 50 Pleasant Street. Discussing the same, the commission felt they needed to inspect the premises to consider what level of repairs and improvements were warranted. Thus, we scheduled a group visit to the house for 10 October at 9:00 AM, inviting the town manager and a representative of Court Street Architects (who made the original calculations or repair costs) to accompany us.

Next meeting confirmed for November 7, here, at 7:30 pm, and this meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

For the Arlington Historical Commission,
A. Michael Ruderman